John Wilson Believes He Killed a Man Whom Others Confess to Have Murdered-Living In the Shadow of the

Twice has the hangman's noose been Fas woven for John Davis for a murder that he swears he did not commit and of which he has been exonerated by those who say they committed the deed. Twice he has ascended the scaffold in the jail pul der sentence of death, and twice he has em been reprieved at the last moment beser cause there was doubt of his guilt. Even now he stands beneath the shadow of the gallows, with the grip of the executioner pa almost upon his throttle, only a legal pa technicality between him and death-the fre last resort of his attorneys-an application for a writ of habeas corpus in the ye federal district court.

Davis is a cowboy of the western type, la an enterprising spirit who has traversed fa the globe in search of adventure, says the San Francisco Examiner. He gained the sobriquet of "Diamond Field Jack" by his exploits in South Africa, but, tiring of other sources of excitement, he abandoned the attractions of foreign lands and returned to the life of a vaquero among the wilds of the Pacific slope, is and until his arrest three years ago he rode the cattle ranges of the Sparks-Harrell company, the ranges reaching from Nevada far into Idaho, a distance

It was while Davis was visiting the Sparks-Harrell range that the killing of



JACK'S FIGHT WITH CATTLE DRIVERS. Saniel C. Cummings and John C. Wilson genered, which led to Davis' arrest and onviction on a charge of murder. Retarkable as it may seem, Davis believed imself to be the slayer of Cummings nd Wilson until after his conviction. he circumstances which seemed to warint that belief were dramatic in the exeme, and it was not until they saw that u innocent man, as they said, was about suffer for their deeds that Jeff D. ray and James E. Bower, two well nown men in southern Idaho, confessed int they did the killing, the actual nooting being done by Gray. Bower is brother-in-law of John Sparks, the milnaire cattle king. Before the trial "Diamond Field Jack"

id boasted that it was his hand that I Cummings and Wilson out of the ay, and though his statement was not Imitted in evidence before the jury it ust have had some effect on the outme, since all the circumstances of the were so thoroughly discussed Panchout Idaho that nobody was left in I norance of the facts so far as they ere publicly known.

iJack Davis had some foundation for belief that the bullets which caused death of Cummings and Wilson were fom his pistol, for he had engaged in a ooting affray with unknown antago-sts near a place called Dunn's Camp. Deep creek, on the night of Feb. 2. 96, whereas the actual killing occurred o days later and 15 miles from the one of Davis' shooting scrape. It was adden encounter between Jack and his whereas the actual killing occurred ingonists, such as could occur only on frontier between reckless or despera men, or between adverse classes, such are the cattle drovers and the sheep rders of that country.

proaching Dunn's Camp, and he was riled by the sudden onslaught of a herder's dog barking at the heels mis horse. Drawing his pistol, he shot the dog, and almost instantly he heard erack of a Winchester rifle, and a liet whistled by his head. Then foi-

gave a weird description. He said: "I took bearings on the spot where I saw the flash and blazed away as quick as I could. Then I planted my apurs in my horse's sides and fairly 'raised' him out of his tracks, so as to change my position in the event of my antagonist coming back with another shot. He came back all right, and I leveled at the place where he shot from, jumping my horse again the same as before. He replied in like manner, but my tactics kept him guess-ing, and though he was uncomfortably close in his range none of his shots took

kept at it as long as I had a cartridge in Thus, in the impenetrable darkness of the night, the men pumped at each other until their ammunition was exhausted, when Davis rode away toward

effect. It was so dark that I couldn't tell

Several days later the bedies of Cummings and Wilson were found on the range, and Davis naturally credited himself with having caused the death of the men during his nocturnal fusillade. He saw no reason for believing otherwise and made no secret of his opinion in this regard. Davis belonged to what is known in that country as the cattlemen's faction, and his oft repeated declaration that he would rather kill sheepmen for \$40 a month than do anything else at double pay stood against him in the minds of the general public.

Gray's sworn confession of the killing, which was a startling surprise to the people of Idaho, showed not only that Davis had nothing to do with it, but that he was 75 miles from the scene of the tragedy. This was confirmed by Bower's statement. James E. Bower, himself a wealthy

man and related by marriage to one of the millionaire owners of the Sparks-Harrell range, which is 100 miles long by 75 miles wide, and controls 3,000,000 acres, was riding over the range on Feb. 4, 1896, when he saw a sheepman's wagon and a bunch of sheep on the cattle-men's side of the divide. He had been joined by Jeff D. Gray, and the two men ode over to see who the intruders were. Dismounting, they exchanged the customary greetings and climbed into the wagon, where Cummings and Wilson were preparing a meal. After chatting a few minutes, according to Bower's story, Bower asked Wilson if he thought he was deing right in bringing his sheep across the divide to drive the cattlemen off the range, since it is deemed that cattle will have nothing to do with a country where sheep have been until after the succeeding season, at least. Wilson responded that he had a right to be where he was, whereupon Bower, as he declares, jokingly replied that he (Wilson) knew he was lying, when Wilson jumped on Bower, who is a mall man, and, gripping him by the throat, pressed him backward with great force against Gray, who was sitting on the front end board of the wagon. Gray was hurled to the ground, and Bower, who had his coat buttoned up to his chin, with his pistol in his vest scabbard, was thrown across the front of the wagon.

Fearing he was about to be killed, Bower tried to get out his pistol, but Wilson caught it, and the two struggled for its possession. Wilson was a powerful man, while Bower was dazed and partly paralyzed. Wilson was just get-ting the pistol from Bower, and both the cattlemen say he muttered, "I'll get you both." At that moment there was a re-port of a pistol, followed by a second shot, and Wilson fell dead across Bower's still prostrate form.

Here Gray takes up the story. He says that as soon as he recovered himself aft-er being thrown from the wagon by the impact of Bower's body in the powerful grasp of Wilson, he turned and saw Cummings in the act of leveling a Winchester rifle at him; that he thought it a case of do or die, and that, whipping out a pistol, he shot at Cummings, who, without a word, dropped his gun. At that instant, he says, Cummings' fierce remark, "I'll get you both," startled him, and he shot Wilson twice before Wilson

could get Bower's pistol free for use. Other sheepmen were in the neighborhood, so Bower and Gray rode away. Bower went to Ogden, where, on Feb. 9, he told John Sparks, his employer, all about the shooting. This was six days before the finding of the bodies of Cummings and Wilson. This part is corrobo-rated by Mr. Sparks, and this, he says, explains his earnest desire to see Davis go free, for he feels that it would be a stain on all concerned to have an innocent man hanged for the murder of two men who, he believes, were killed by another man in self defense. Already Sparks has expended several thousand dollars in the defense of Davis and will not desert the prisoner as long as there is a chance for saving his life. If Davis had been acquitted, Gray and Bower say they would never have disclosed the fact that they killed Wilson and Cummings.

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tor," said L "Yes," said he, "it was.". "I suppose you found it necessary to employ an ansesthetic?"

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A. B. Skillman, cashier of Breckinridge Bank, a bank located and doing business at No. Wall street in the city of Cloverport, in said county, being duly sworn, says that the foregoing report is in all repects a true statement of the condition of the said bank, at the close of business on the noth day of une 1890, to the best of his knowledge and belief and further says that the business of said bank, has een transacted at the location named, and not elsewhere; and that the above report is made in ompliance with an official notice received from the Secretary of State designating the 30th day of June 1800, as the day on which such report shall be made A. B. SKILLMAN, Cashier.

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